

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Notice of Public Hearing

for

Proposed Minor Amendments to Watershed-wide Waste Discharge Requirements
Order No. R1-2006-0039, Order No. R1-2006-0041, and accompanying
MRP Order Nos. R1-2006-0039, R1-2006-0041 and R1-2008-0071;
CAO Order Nos: 98-100, R1-2004-0028,, R1-2006-0046 and R1-2006-0055;
Land Disposal Sites_WDR Order No. 97-5 and MRP 97-5,
WDR Order No. R1-2001-0061 and MRP R1-2001-0061;

FOR CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP TO
Humboldt Redwood Company, LLC

And

MINOR AMENDMENT TO:
NPDES permit (Order No. R1-2006-0020);
FOR CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP TO
Town of Scotia Company, LLC
Scotia, California

Humboldt County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (Regional Water Board), proposes to amend Watershed-wide Waste Discharge Requirements (WWDRs) (Order Nos. R1-2006-0039, R1-2006-0041, and Monitoring and Reporting Programs R1-2006-0039, R1-2006-0041, and R1-2008-0071), Clean Up and Abatement Order Nos: Nos. 98-100, R1-2004-0028, R1-2006-0046 and R1-2006-0055, WDR Order No. 97-5, MRP 97-5 and Order No. R1-2001-0061, MRP R1-2001-0061 to reflect the change in ownership to Humboldt Redwood Company, LLC, Scotia, California. The Regional Water Board proposes to amend NPDES Order No. R1-2006-0020 to replace the named Dischargers with Town of Scotia Company, LLC. These are minor amendments that do not alter any substantive provisions of the permits and orders. The Regional Water Board will accept public comments on the narrow issue of the name change only. The documents will be available for public comment from August 8, 2008 until August 25, 2008.

Public Hearing Procedures

A public meeting to consider the proposed Order has been scheduled for September 11, 2008, in Santa Rosa at 9:00 a.m. or as announced in the Regional Water Board's agenda to be mailed on or around August 28, 2008. The meeting will be held at the Regional Water Board's Hearing Room, at 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa

Rosa, California. At the hearing, the Regional Water Board will consider whether to affirm, or reject, or modify the proposed Order.

In order for the Regional Water Board to consider any evidentiary material concerning this hearing, any document, including written technical reports and other evidentiary material, must be received by the Regional Water Board no later than 5:00 p.m., on August 25, 2008, at the Regional Water Board, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. All documents that are received timely will be distributed to the Regional Water Board members and interested persons. These records will also become a permanent part of the administrative record for this public hearing.

Except at the discretion of the Regional Water Board Chair, written material received after the above date may not be accepted. If the Chair chooses to accept late material, no documents will be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice the Discharger or the Regional Water Board staff. The Chair may choose to modify this rule upon a showing of severe hardship (California Code of Regulation, title 23, sections 648.1 and 648.4).

All those who plan to testify at the hearing must submit written statements to the Regional Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on August 25, 2008. The statements should provide the name of the witness, his or her qualifications (if an expert), and the scope of intended testimony. The time limit for oral testimony or comments will be set by the Regional Water Board Chair and are subject to change. These time limits normally allow no more than 10 minutes each for Regional Water Board staff and Dischargers. All speakers are expected to honor these time limits. Other interested persons may also provide testimony at this public hearing. However, any testimony given by someone other than staff or the Discharger, may be limited to three minutes and may only be given under the limited scope of summarizing or explaining any timely-submitted or late-accepted written evidence. No new evidence will be allowed to be presented at this public hearing. In an effort to be fair to all people who wish to testify at this public hearing, the Regional Water Board Chair may choose to use a timer to ensure that individuals stay within the time limits set by the Chair. The Chair also requests that when many speakers wish to speak who represent affiliated groups or interests, that a spokesperson be selected to speak on behalf of the group in order to avoid repetitive testimony.

Document Review

The tentative order, related documents and comments on the proposed name changes received by the Regional Water Board will be on file and may be inspected or copied at the Regional Water Board office, 5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, California. Appointments are recommended for document review and can be made by calling (707) 576-2220. These documents will also be available on the Regional Water Board's website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/northcoast/agenda/pending.html>

For further information, please contact Regional Water Board staff member Robert Klamt at (707) 576-2693 or at RKlamt@waterboards.ca.gov.

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Executive Officer

August 8, 2008

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